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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION					
Method and device for opening a flexible pouch					
Box No. II APPLICANT This perso	n is also inventor				
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Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIV	E; OR ADDRESS FOI	R CORRESPONDENCE			
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to ac of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authoriti	t on behalf es as:	agent common representative			
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ex	excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that								

any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation (including fees) must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM							
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:							
Filing date	Number	Where earlier application is:					
of earlier application (day/month/year)	of earlier application	national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office			
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* Where the earlier applicatio Industrial Property or one Me	n is an ARIPO application, in mber of the World Trade Or	ganization for which that e	arlier application was fil	ed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):			
Box No. VII INTERNATI	IONAL SEARCHING AUT	THORITY					
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Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):							
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Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS							
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable Number of declarations and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):							
Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identit	ty of the inventor		:			
Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent:						
Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the appli date, to claim the priority	icant's entitlement, as at the of the earlier application	he international filing	: 1			
Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship United States of America)		f the designation of the	: 1			
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Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No.VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to this international application,

PROCOMAC Sp.A. is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

PROCOMAC S.p.a. is entitled as employer of the inventor VAN NESTE Yvon.

This declaration is made for the purpose of all dsignations, except the designation of the United Staes of America.

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No.VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to this international application,

VAN NESTE Yvon is entitled to claim priority of earlier application

No. PR02A000078, IT, 20 December 2002

by virtue of the following:

the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application.

This declaration is made for the purpose of the following designations for national and / or regional patents: US.

DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) Box No. VIII (iv)

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Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))

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I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only o is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and fo	one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor or which a patent is sought.				
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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is ki 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, mater of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the co	rial information which became available between the fitting date ontinuation-in-part application.				
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made wande are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section I false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any	with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful				
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This international application contains: (a) in paper form, the following number of	This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item):	Number of items					
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sequence listings and/or tables related thereto) : 4.	4. Copy of general power of attorney; reference number,						
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drawings : 1	6. priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):	:					
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Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:	Language of filing of the international application: English						
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GOTRA Stefano (Applicant's Agent)							
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